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SUMMARY OF FY 1997 ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

New York focuses its agreement on protecting the state's water resources. The Agreement establishes priorities, direction, and accountability for water resource management in New York.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES TO ACHIEVE KEY GOALS/PROGRAMS

In addition to meeting national EPA requirements, New York identifies the following goals for implementation in 1997.

Statewide Water Resource Management	
Key Goal/Program	Objectives
Underground Injection Control.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expand the successful Class V well notification set in DEC Region 3 to other DEC regions.
Ground Water Management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finalize Comprehensive State Groundwater Protection Program (CSGWPP) Core Program.• Work with local authorities to have them initiate one or more WHP projects at the local level.
Surface Water Quality Management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submit WQS revisions to EPA.• Complete reclassification process.• Adopt GLWQI requirements.• Submit 1996 303(d) list.• Submit high-priority TMDLs from 303(d) list to EPA for review and approval.• Submit all non-303(d) TMDLs to EPA for review and approval.• Complete Final Reports for all Clean Lake Projects whose funding has expired.

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National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPDES Permit Development— NYSDEC develops SPDES permits on an environmental priority basis via the Environmental Benefit Permit Strategy (EBPS) system. During the program year, NYSDEC will develop permit modifications for the top 10 percent of the SPDES permits on the EBPS Priority Ranking. • Combined Sewer Overflows —The NYSDEC CSO Control Strategy requires all CSO permittees to implement 13 Best Management Practices (BMPs). These effectively embrace the 9 minimum controls called for by the National CSO Policy. During the program year, NYSDEC will modify SPDES permits with CSOs to provide coverage for at least 50 percent of the number of Statewide CSOs (outfalls) with enforceable BMPs.
Wetlands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsor a Niagara Frontier Local Government Workshop to be held in October 1996. The workshop objective is to announce and distribute digitized soil maps, NYSDEC wetlands maps and USFWS NWI maps.
Dredged Material Management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update freshwater and marine sediment guideline for the assessment of dredged material disposal. • Commit to the identification of disposal locations within the State of New York where dredging material is allowed to be disposed. Identify all state standards and criteria which would apply to that disposal.
Sediment Management Program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the National Sediment Inventory in the Great Lakes portion of New York State. As time and resources permit, edit and maintain the data in the inventory from the remaining areas of the state. • Conduct field studies to augment the data in the National Sediment Inventory and to investigate areas known or suspected of containing contaminated sediments.
State Revolving Fund.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the SRF program to municipalities. Ensure that the project priority system scores these projects highly so that they qualify for financing in the year in which they are ready to be financed. • Commit to take necessary and appropriate actions to assure the making of cumulative SRF outlays.

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Construction Grants (205(g)).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NYSDEC agrees to Continue to complete and close out the construction grants program in accordance with the annual staffing plan and the annual State specific strategy. Take necessary and appropriate actions to assure the making of cumulative construction grant outlays, and administrative completions and Step 3/4 close outs.
Nonpoint Source Management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin updating NPS management program. Report progress on achieving the established NPS program goals and the success of the NPS Program. Refine/implement CZARA NPS control measures.
Data Management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain 100 percent of required WENDB data elements in PCS. Submit approximately 5.5 percent of all N/SPDES parameters for EPA majors reported to DEC and into PCS electronically as part of EDI pilot.
Public Participation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a forum for public review and comment on the PPA. Encourage and support community-based environmental protection initiatives to implement the PPA.
Staff Sharing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize Staff Sharing Memorandum Of Agreement between EPA Region 2 and NYSDEC.

Regional Water Resource Management	
Key Goal/Program	Objectives
Community-Based Environmental Protection Initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on status of commitments in watershed and placed-based projects (i.e., HEP). Final, written plan for CBEP program implementation, highlighting ongoing and proposed activities to encourage development of local-lead CBEP projects.

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Great Lakes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and implementation of a Lake Ontario Stage I LaMP. • Reduced inputs of critical pollutants to Lake Ontario and the Niagara River, as measured in Lake Ontario and annual Niagara River progress reports. • Participate in the development and implementation of a Lake Erie Stage I LaMP that reduces the input of critical pollutants to the Niagara River. • Development of Rochester and Eighteen Mile Creek RAPs, and biennial updates that demonstrate progress in restoring beneficial uses in the six New York Areas of Concern.
Onondaga Lake Management Conference.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete and begin implementation of MCP. • Revise OLMP to reflect MCP.
Long Island Sound Study.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on status of LISS CCMP implementation every six months using management conference approved format. • Meet EPA and NYSDEC commitments in the CCMP.
NYC Watershed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 percent of N/SPDES permits in NYC Watershed will be treated as NYSDEC significant class dischargers and will receive surveillance and compliance oversight/violation response consistent with existing EPA/DEC agreements governing NPDES authorization and NYSDEC/NYCDEP MOU with addendum outlining NPDES implementation. • NYSDEC will assist in NYCDEP in complying with Filtration Avoidance Decision (FAD) by fulfilling the NYSDEC commitments outlined in the FAD and MOA for both point and nonpoint source programs.
Peconic Estuary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPA and NYSDEC will meet commitments in Action Plan. • Progress in developing CCMP.
New York/New Jersey Harbor Estuary/Bight.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet EPA and NYSDEC commitments in the HEP CCMP. NYSDEC must submit an appropriate bi-state workplan with NJDEP for the Harbor-wide and Arthur Kill Trackdown efforts.

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Citizen Statewide Lake Assessment Program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Report on CSLAP.• Finalize management plans for those lakes in which there are 5 years of monitoring data available (list of lakes will be provided).
Finger Lakes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish forum with stakeholders.• Begin preliminary work to develop a “State of the Lake” report on the Finger Lakes.
Lake Champlain Management Conference.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete and begin implementation of phosphorus reduction strategy.• Complete Final Management Plan.